Job position in organised sector

2666. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the organised sector in India shed 4.2 lakh jobs in the year 2001-02 and whether it marked the fifth consecutive year when jobs in this sector fell;

(b)if so, the job position in March each year since March, 1997 including the year 200203; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the job position in organised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Estimated employment in the organised sector since March, 1997 is given below :

(in Lakh)

Year as on 31st March	Employment
1997	282.45
1998	281.66
1999	281.13
2000	279.60
2001	277.89
2002 (Quick Estimate)	273.33

(c) Creation of 50 million employment opportunities (10 million per year) is being targeted during the 10th plan period. Out of these, nearly 30 million will come from normal growth process and 20 million through special employment generation programmes. This will accelerate generation of additional employment both in organised and unorganised sectors.